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Our Case No. 9281-3965
Client Reference No. N US00064

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Morita et al.

Serial No. 09/822,576

Filing Date: March 30, 2001

For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD
HAVING LOWER MAGNETIC POLE LAYER
AND INSULATOR LAYER BEHIND THE
LOWER MAGNETIC POLE LAYER IN THE
DIRECTION OF HEIGHT OF THE POLE
LAYER, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE THIN-FILM
MAGNETIC HEAD

Examiner: David Donald Davis

Group Art Unit: 2652

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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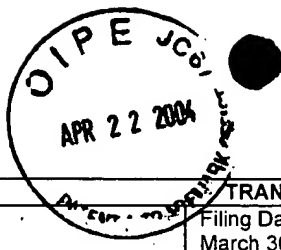
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, Applicants elect Invention I, and Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 12 and 18 – 21 for the present application.

Application No. 09/822,576
Reply to Office Action of March 24, 2004

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281-3965
Serial No. 09/822,576	Filing Date March 30, 2001	Examiner David Donald Davis	Group Art Unit 2652
Inventor(s) Sumihito MORITA, et al.			
Title of Invention THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING LOWER MAGNETIC POLE LAYER AND INSULATOR LAYER BEHIND THE LOWER MAGNETIC POLE LAYER IN THE DIRECTION OF HEIGHT OF THE POLE LAYER, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD			

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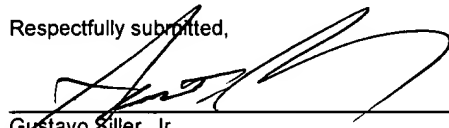
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Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9=	
x 43=	
+\$145=	
Total add'l fee	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$18=	
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Respectfully submitted,


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